



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsuyoshi MAEDA

Group Art Unit: 2871

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Examiner: T. DUONG

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 20, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species I, Figures 11 and 12, with traverse. At least claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 read on Species I. Claims 1, 2 and 9 are generic to all species.

Although the feature of Species I (slits and protrusions) is shown in Figs. 11 and 12, Applicant respectfully points out that slits according to Species I are also shown in Figs. 6a, 6b, 7, 8a and 8b. Also, as per paragraph [0073] of the present application, protrusions can be used instead of these slits. Therefore, Applicants assert that Species I should not be limited to the configurations shown in Figs. 11 and 12.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire